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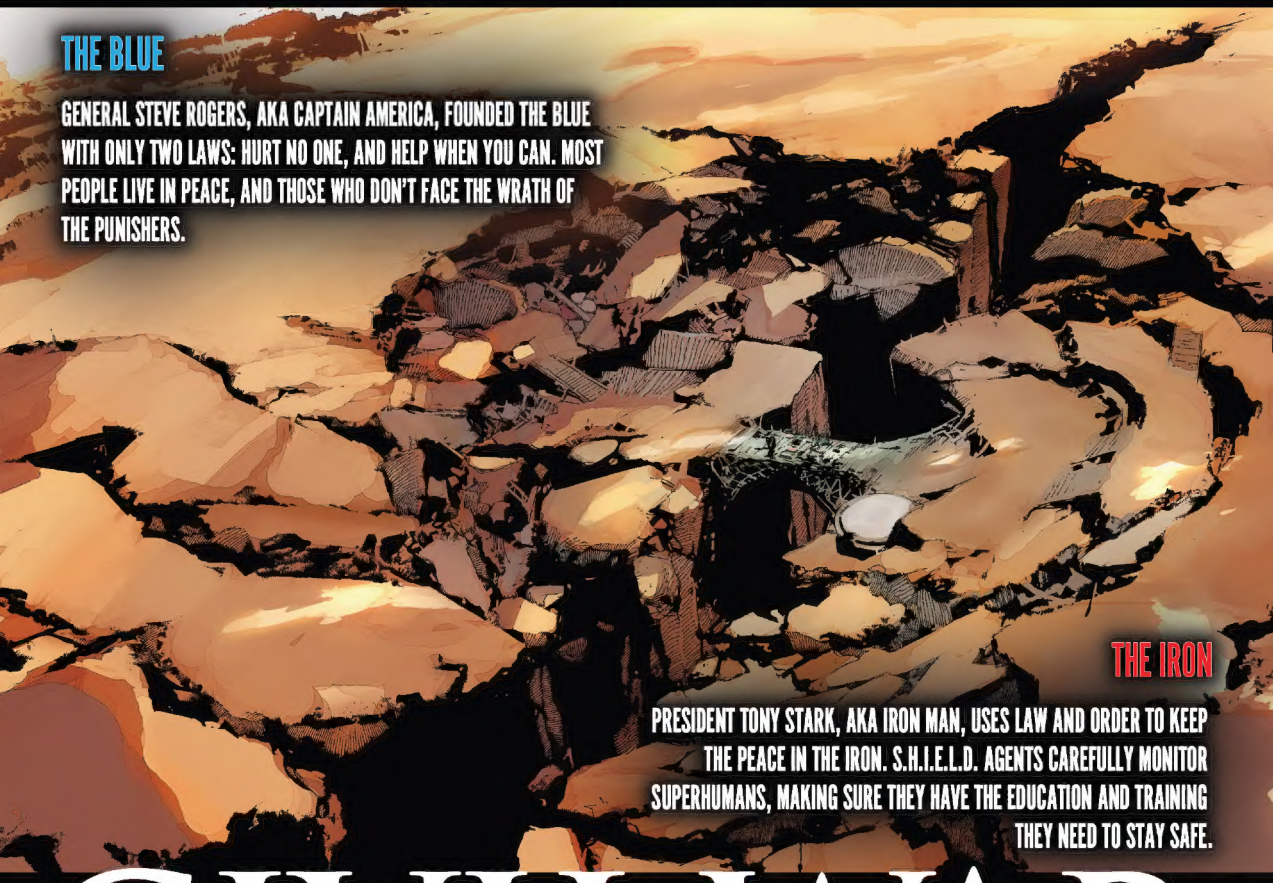
THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED! NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD!**

A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF, AND IN THE DOMAIN CALLED THE WARZONE, THE WAR OVER THE SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT NEVER ENDED. THE BATTLE IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO END THE WAR INSTEAD CAUSED AN EXPLOSION THAT KILLED FIFTEEN MILLION PEOPLE, AND THE DOMAIN WAS SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE.


THE BLUE
GENERAL STEVE ROGERS, AKA CAPTAIN AMERICA, FOUNDED THE BLUE WITH ONLY TWO LAWS: HURT NO ONE, AND HELP WHEN YOU CAN. MOST PEOPLE LIVE IN PEACE, AND THOSE WHO DON'T FACE THE WRATH OF THE PUNISHERS.
THE IRON
PRESIDENT TONY STARK, AKA IRON MAN, USES LAW AND ORDER TO KEEP THE PEACE IN THE IRON. S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS CAREFULLY MONITOR SUPERHUMANS, MAKING SURE THEY HAVE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING THEY NEED TO STAY SAFE.

CIVIL WAR

TONY STARK SENT SHE-HULK INTO THE BLUE UNDERCOVER TO FIND THE ASSASSIN WHO KILLED MIRIAM SHARPE AND DISRUPTED THE PEACE TALKS BETWEEN THE IRON AND THE BLUE, BUT SHE WAS INTERCEPTED BY PROFESSOR X. MEANWHILE, STEVE ROGERS DISPATCHED A COVERT GROUP LED BY PETER PARKER INTO THE IRON TO STEAL RESOURCES FOR PROJECT BELLCURVE, A WEAPON THAT SHUTS DOWN SUPER-POWERS AND COULD CHANGE THE TIDE OF THE WAR...

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ELEKTRA!!!
THE IRON.
THRRR

DAMMIT, KID, MOVE YOUR ASS!
THWIP
THHK
KWHOOSH
KZZZACK

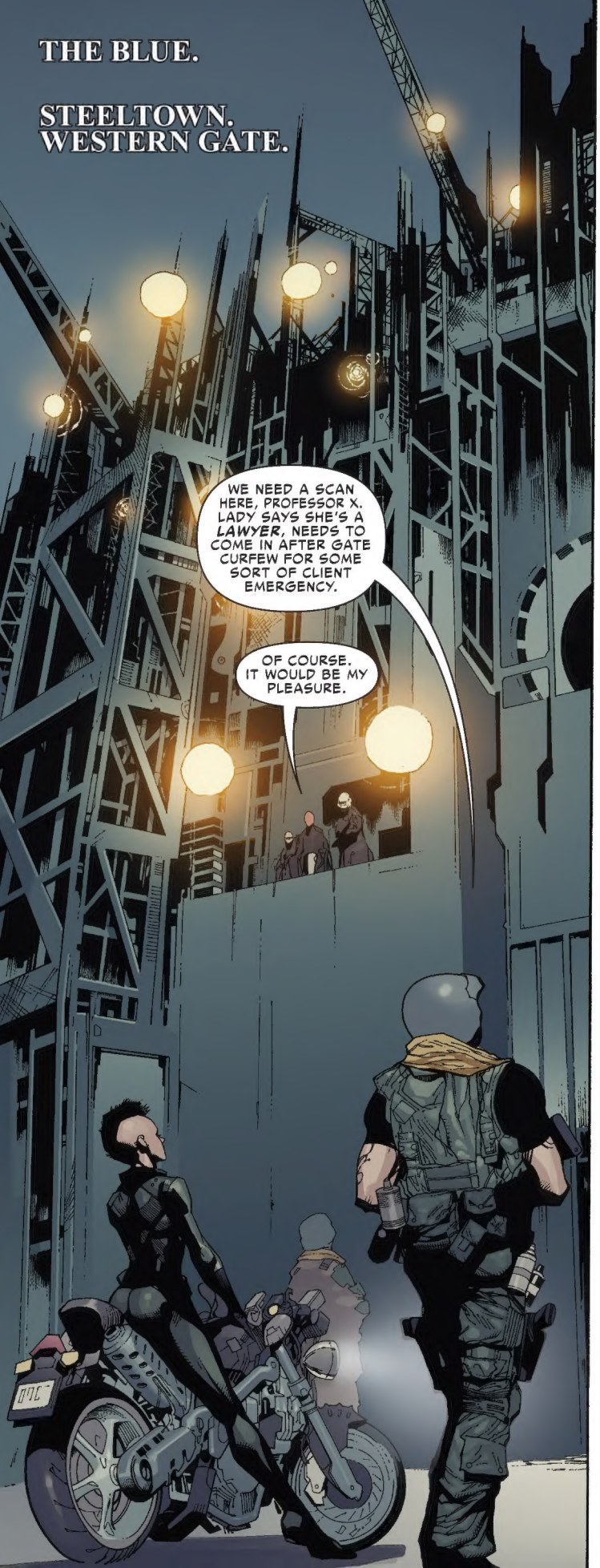
STARK DESIGNED THE IRON SENTINELS AS *EXTERNAL DEFENSE*. THEY WON'T ATTACK THEIR OWN BASE. WE NEED TO GET *PAST* THEM.
I... I UNDERSTAND, SPIDER-MAN. I'M SORRY THAT I--
I DON'T *CARE*, AZARI...

...AND UNTIL THE MISSION'S COMPLETE, NEITHER SHOULD YOU.

VENOM! WHAT THE HELL, MAN? COME ON!

SHKK

THHP


THE BLUE.
STEELTOWN.
WESTERN GATE.
WE NEED A SCAN HERE, PROFESSOR X. LADY SAYS SHE'S A *LAWYER*, NEEDS TO COME IN AFTER GATE CURFEW FOR SOME SORT OF CLIENT EMERGENCY.
OF COURSE. IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE.

JUST... JUST A MOMENT.
ALMOST... ALMOST *HAVE* IT.
HMM... FASCINATING.
YES. THE LADY IS WHAT SHE CLAIMS TO BE.

I'M IN, TONY. HAD TO GET PAST A BRAINSCAN FROM XAVIER, THOUGH.
SO THE RUMORS...
DEAD ON. LAWYERS LEARN TO BELIEVE THINGS EVEN IF THEY AREN'T STRICTLY TRUE--IT'S HOW YOU WORK WITH CLIENTS YOU KNOW ARE GUILTY. I BELIEVED MY COVER STORY ABOUT AS MUCH AS ANYONE COULD.
EVEN SO, XAVIER SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME. HE'S NOT AT FULL STRENGTH, NOWHERE NEAR. ALMOST SAD. HE SEEMED SO OLD.
Emperor's
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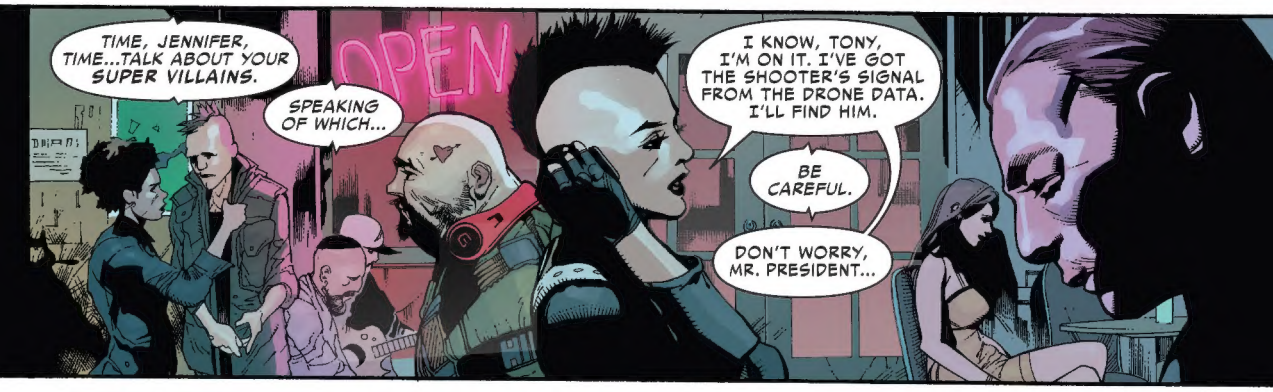
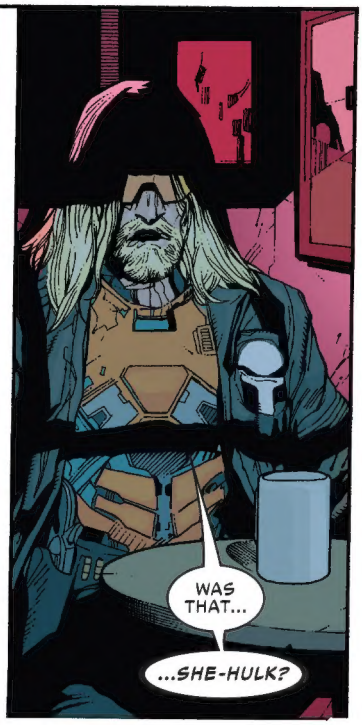

TIME, JENNIFER, TIME...TALK ABOUT YOUR SUPER VILLAINS.
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
OPEN
I KNOW, TONY, I'M ON IT. I'VE GOT THE SHOOTER'S SIGNAL FROM THE DRONE DATA. I'LL FIND HIM.
BE CAREFUL.
DON'T WORRY, MR. PRESIDENT...

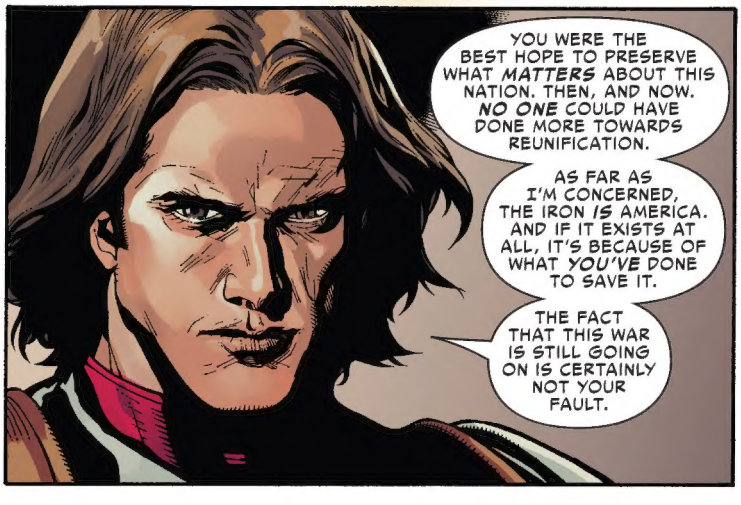
...I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT IN PUBLIC LOOKING LIKE THIS FOR YEARS. NO ONE WILL RECOGNIZE ME.


WAS THAT...
...SHE-HULK?

RESILIENT ALPHA.
CAPITAL CITY OF THE IRON.
SHE'LL BE FINE, PRESIDENT STARK. THEY DON'T COME ANY TOUGHER THAN COMMANDER WALTERS.
I HAVE REPORTS ON THE RIOTING IN THE AERIE. WORTHINGTON'S GETTING IT UNDER CONTROL, BUT THE UNDERLYING TENSION WON'T JUST GO AWAY.
IT'S NOT WARREN'S FAULT, BARNES. THE POPULATION THERE IS PACKED IN LIKE SARDINES, JUST LIKE HALF THE IRON. WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE SPACE.
LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION.

DO YOU THINK I'VE FAILED?
...SIR?
AH. I SEE.
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE. TO ANTICIPATE TROUBLE AND JUST...SIDESTEP. BUT I KEEP GETTING BLINDSIDED.

"MR. PRESIDENT, I'M A SOLDIER. I PUT ON A UNIFORM AND FIGHT FOR MY COUNTRY. IF NECESSARY, I DIE FOR IT.
"AFTER THE DIVIDE, I HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE--STAND WITH YOU, OR WITH STEVE ROGERS. I MADE THAT DECISION BASED ON THE NEEDS OF MY COUNTRY, NOT ANY SENSE OF PERSONAL LOYALTY."


YOU WERE THE BEST HOPE TO PRESERVE WHAT MATTERS ABOUT THIS NATION. THEN, AND NOW. NO ONE COULD HAVE DONE MORE TOWARDS REUNIFICATION.
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE IRON IS AMERICA. AND IF IT EXISTS AT ALL, IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO SAVE IT.
THE FACT THAT THIS WAR IS STILL GOING ON IS CERTAINLY NOT YOUR FAULT.

THANK YOU, JAMES. I APPRECIATE THAT.
AND HONESTLY...
...I'VE BEEN THINKING THE SAME THING.

YAAH!
HHK
WHAT NOW, SPIDER-MAN?
WE'RE MAKING TOO MUCH NOISE. THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A STEALTH MISSION--GET IN AND OUT WITHOUT IT KNOWING WE WERE EVER HERE.
WE JAMMED ITS COMMS, BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE IT GETS AROUND THAT AND CALLS IN REINFORCEMENTS.
WHICH I ASSUME WILL BE HARDER TO BEAT THAN THESE ROBOTS.
SOMETIMES I WONDER WHY THEY EVEN BOTHER BUILDING THESE THINGS.
YOU KEEP SAYING "IT"--WHAT IS IT?
THE THING THAT RUNS THIS PLACE. IT'LL KEEP THROWING EVERYTHING IT'S GOT AGAINST US UNTIL IT MANAGES TO KILL US.
BUT IF WE CAN KILL IT, THEN EVERYTHING STOPS, AND WE CAN JUST TAKE WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR. EASY.
YOU DIDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION, PARKER. WHAT IS IT?
IT. WELL, TECHNICALLY...

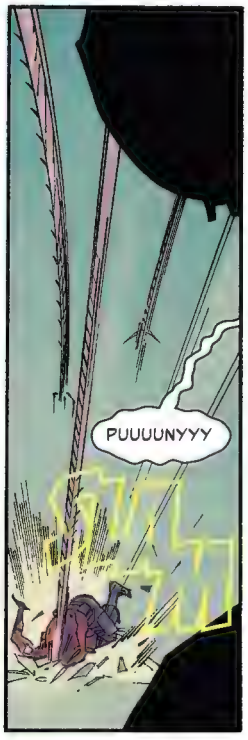
...I PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE SAID *THEM*. IT'S WILSON FISK. THE *KINGPIN*-- OR WHAT'S LEFT OF HIM.
HE CAPTURED *DOC OCK* A FEW YEARS AGO. RIPPED OLD OTTO'S EXTRA LIMBS RIGHT OUT OF HIS SPINE, STUCK THEM ON HIS OWN BODY.
FISK WAS ALWAYS A BIG DUDE. MIGHT JUST HAVE BEEN A MOBILITY THING. BETTER THAT THAN A RASCAL, I GUESS.
BUT THE LIMBS WEREN'T INTO IT. THEY LOVED OTTO. THE MINUTE KINGPIN GOT THEM ON HIS BACK, THEY SHOT TWENTY THOUSAND VOLTS INTO HIS BRAIN. DUNZO.
THE LIMBS KEPT HIS *CORPSE*-- APPARENTLY THEY NEED A HOST TO BE ABLE TO MOVE AROUND ON THEIR OWN. AND THERE YOU GO. *KING OCK*.
STARK CAPTURED IT AND SET IT UP HERE DESIGNING TECH FOR HIM. IT GETS TO STAY ALIVE, HE GETS NEW GEAR.
BUT IT IS *DEADLY*, AND *INSANE*. THE IRON SENTINELS ARE HERE TO KEEP THAT THING *IN* AS MUCH AS TO KEEP US *OUT*.
I'VE FOUGHT KINGPIN *AND* DOC OCK A THOUSAND TIMES, THOUGH. I KNOW HOW TO HANDLE IT.
JUST FOLLOW MY--
-HKK-

PUUUNY PAAARKERRR
THWAM

HAIIIII!

KRRACK

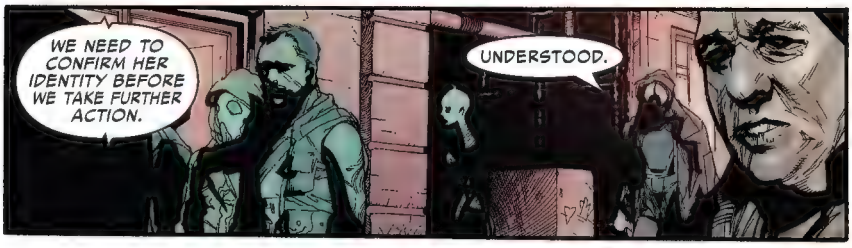
...NNNNGH...


PUUUUNYYY

STEELTOWN.
ALL RIGHT, YOU STUPID THING...FIND ME THAT SIGNAL...

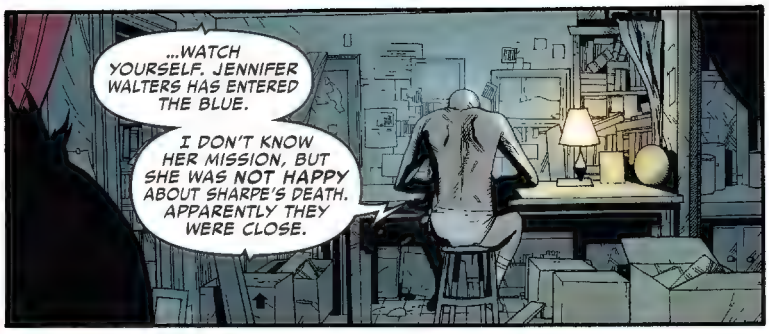
HA. THERE WE GO.

SUBJECT IS MOVING NORTH, INTO THE MAGNETRON DISTRICT.
RECEIVED. CONTINUE SURVEILLANCE.


WE NEED TO CONFIRM HER IDENTITY BEFORE WE TAKE FURTHER ACTION.
UNDERSTOOD.

COME ON...COME ON...
BINGO.

OH NO.


...WATCH YOURSELF. JENNIFER WALTERS HAS ENTERED THE BLUE.
I DON'T KNOW HER MISSION, BUT SHE WAS NOT HAPPY ABOUT SHARPE'S DEATH. APPARENTLY THEY WERE CLOSE.

YEAH, YEAH, SOMEONE ELSE SWEARING REVENGE ON GOOD OLD BULLSEYE. MUST BE THURSDAY. LET HER COME.

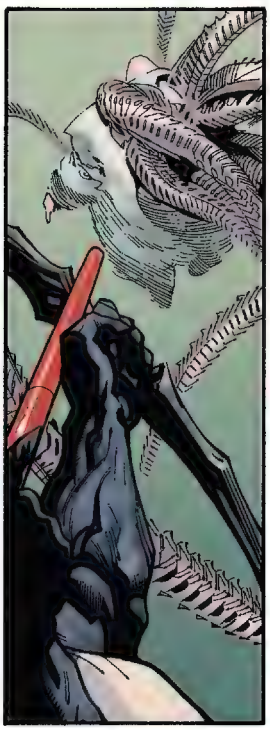
HEY.

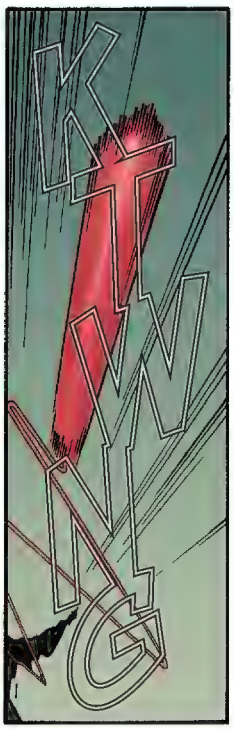
SPEEDBALL.
NOT ANYMORE, MS. WALTERS. NOT FOR A LONG TIME.
IT'S OFFICER BALDWIN NOW.
I'M WITH THE PUNISHERS.
YOU WEREN'T ALWAYS HULKED OUT WHEN YOU REPRESENTED ME IN THE TRIAL FOR THOSE KIDS GETTING KILLED AT THE START OF THIS WHOLE THING.
I RECOGNIZED YOU RIGHT AWAY, EVEN WITH THAT HAIRCUT.
YOU DID YOUR BEST FOR ME, AND I WON'T FORGET THAT--BUT YOU'RE COMING WITH--
BLAM

YOU AND I, ROBBIE, ARE GOING NOWHERE.
YOU CAN'T RUN. A PUNISHER SQUAD IS MOVING IN RIGHT NOW. JUST GIVE YOURSELF UP BEFORE YOU GET HURT.
HURT? BROTHER, I'M THE SHE-HULK.
IT'S THE OTHER GUYS WHO GET HURT.
NNF!
NNGH!
ARGH!
KRRK
SUBJECT'S IDENTITY CONFIRMED-- REPEAT, CONFIRMED. IT'S SHE-HULK. NO +NNGH+ QUESTION. MOVE IN.
ACKNOWLEDGED. MOVING IN. GOOD WORK, BALDWIN, BUT YOU'LL WANT TO STAY BACK. WALTERS IS NO JOKE.
LET THE BIG GUNS HANDLE THIS ONE.
BE MY GUEST. BALDWIN OUT.

VENOM!
WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?

THIS IS... MY CITY... PARKER...
I AM THE KING... OF...OF...



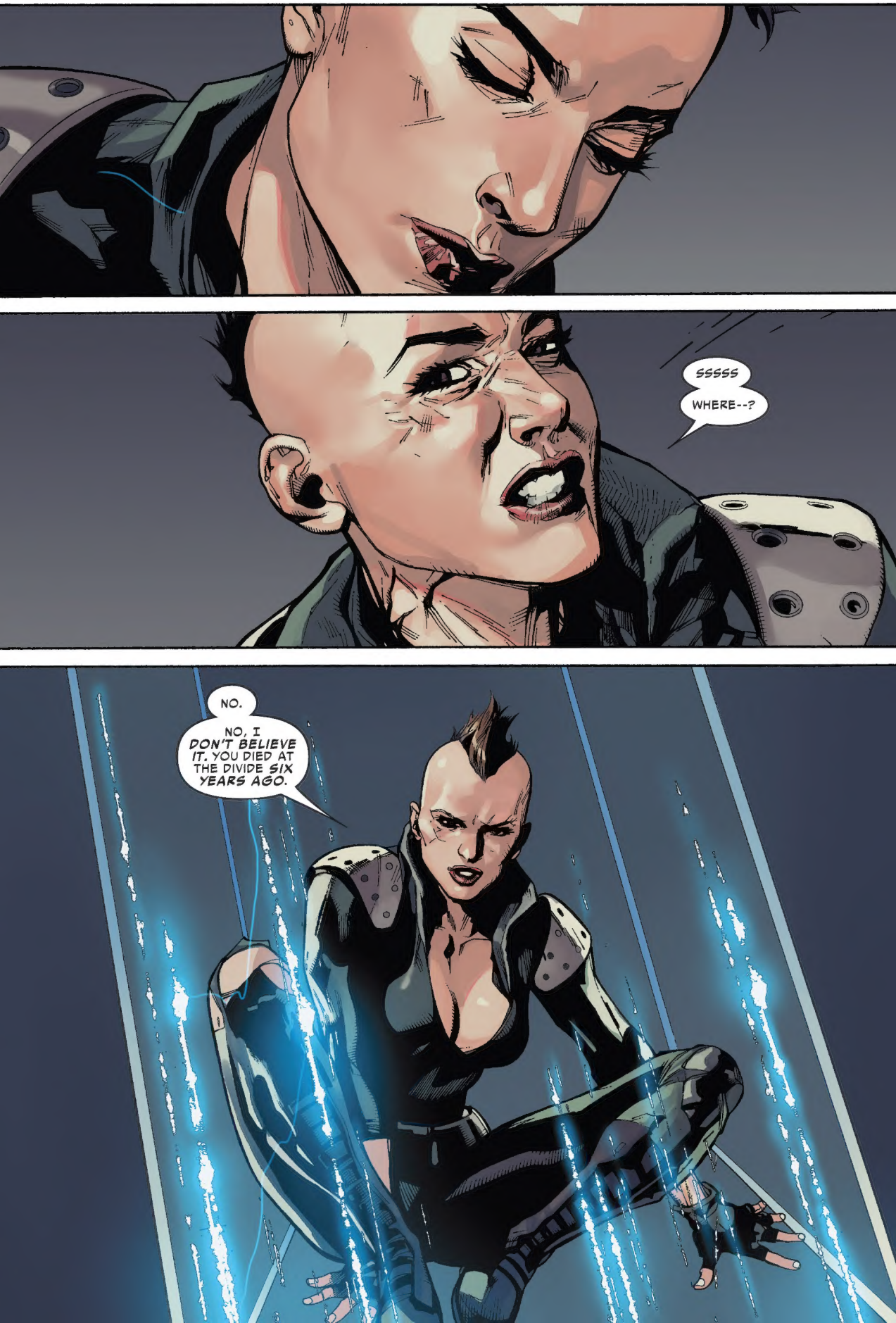

KNNG

SLICE!
THANK YOU, CLINT. I THINK THAT'S WHAT ELEKTRA WOULD HAVE WANTED.
SCRATCH THAT--THAT IS *EXACTLY* WHAT ELEKTRA WOULD HAVE WANTED. MURDOCK TOO, FOR THAT MATTER.
WE DONE, THEN?
YEAH. TIME TO FIND WHAT WE CAME FOR AND GET THE HELL OUT.

THWAM
TONY! DO YOU READ? TONY!
I'M HERE. WHAT IS IT, JEN? YOUR VITALS ARE SPIKING--WHY IN GOD'S NAME DID YOU GO GREEN?
NO TIME, TONY. JUST LISTEN.
I FOUND MIRIAM SHARPE'S SHOOTER. IT WAS BULLSEYE. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, JENNIFER? TALK TO ME!
IT'S--
NYYARGH!

SUBJECT LOST. LAST SURVEILLANCE IMAGES HAD HER ON TOP OF THE MADROX INSTITUTE. DO YOU HAVE SHE-HULK, SIR?
NEGATIVE.
SHE'S GONE.

LIBERATION. CAPITAL CITY OF THE BLUE.
THE MISSION. PETER, WERE YOU *SUCCESSFUL?*
WE WERE, MCCOY. WE GOT EVERYTHING ON YOUR LITTLE SHOPPING LIST.
INCREDIBLE. WE CAN DO IT. WE CAN ACTUALLY *DO* IT. BELLCURVE CAN ACTUALLY *WORK*.
HERE, HANK. SO YOU KNOW WHAT IT COST. IT COST *ELEKTRA*.
DEAR GOD...I'M SO SORRY.
THERE WAS ONCE A TIME I WOULD HAVE SWORN REVENGE. USED HER DEATH AS *MOTIVATION*. SORT OF PATHETIC, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT.
BUT NOW...
I DON'T FEEL MUCH AT ALL, REALLY. I CAN REMEMBER WHAT I *USED* TO FEEL, BUT IT'S JUST... NOT THERE ANYMORE.
SO MANY HAVE DIED... WHAT'S ONE MORE, REALLY? EVEN ELEKTRA?
MY WIRING'S OFF, HANK. I NEED TO...FIX MYSELF.
YOU SHOULD PROBABLY WASH THAT, TOO. IT'S COVERED IN *FISK*.


SSSSS
WHERE--?
NO.
NO, I DON'T BELIEVE IT. YOU DIED AT THE DIVIDE SIX YEARS AGO.

CORRECT. T'CHALLA IS DEAD.
AND YET HERE I AM.
BELIEVE WHATEVER YOU WANT, JENNIFER.
IT WON'T CHANGE THE TRUTH.
TO BE CONTINUED.

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